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Subject: RE: MISSION CRITICAL TRAVEL REQUEST

Approved. Thank you, Carolyn.

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From: Persoon, Carolyn <persoon.carolyn@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Harris, Michael <harris.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: MISSION CRITICAL TRAVEL REQUEST

Hi Mike – I also have this travel request ready to go for Nefertiti, Monica, and Mark -let me know if you are good with me sending this up for approval

Good morning –

This is a mission critical travel request for Nefertiti DiCosmo, Monica Dix, and Mark Conti to meet with community members and the Department of public health in Benton Harbor in response to a recent petition from the community members regarding lead levels and compliance of the PWS with EPA's regulations. They will travel to Benton Harbor in a POV and GOV with possible overnight stay. Current COVID risk is **MEDIUM** due to possible overnight stay and indoor meetings, however participants will be masked and socially distanced.

I believe the work being performed and conditions meet the requirements for mission critical travel. The travel authorization official has determined the employees can travel to these destinations while complying with the necessary local and federal safety precautions according to EPA's COVID-19 Workforce Safety Plan.

Location/Site/Facility Name: Benton Harbor, MI

Activity: Community discussion

Meets EJ outreach and communication needs

Meeting Regional strategic plan

Information collection

Traveler(s): Nefertiti DiCosmo, Monica Dix, Mark Conti

Dates: Week of September 20, 2021

For our purposes and according to the guidance, mission critical work is work that is deemed an emergency response or essential to the operation of the EPA services or systems whose failure or disruption would impact human health or the environment. This official travel request to send the ECAD Director to discuss community concerns regarding lead in water directly supports our R5 enforcement services and will allow us to maintain our responsibility to respond to citizen concerns related to possible violations or public health impacts.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thanks!

Cheers
Carolyn